

PLAN
OF THE
ASYLUM,
FOR THE
SUPPORT AND EDUCATION
OF THE
DEAF & DUMB
Children of the Poor.

SITUATED
IN THE GRANGE ROAD,
BERMONDSEY.

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IT must be allowed, that Charity cannot possibly lend her assistance to objects more worthy of notice than the **DEAF and DUMB Children of the Poor.** The Lame and the Blind meet the eye of observation, but these pass unnoticed, because their calamity is unknown. In many families these evils are hereditary; with some the organs of Hearing have been rendered totally defective by disease, and the loss of Speech follows of course.

Surely the benevolent mind must pity those distressed parents, who have not only to struggle with the attacks of poverty, and whose pittance is scanty, though attended with the hardest industry, but who have constantly before their eyes the objects of their tenderest

regard *Deaf* to every useful lesson, either of industry or religion, and *Dumb* to relate the tale of their complicated distress. To relieve such families, and to render those *useful* who otherwise would be a burthen to society, is an undertaking worthy of the BRITISH CHARACTER.

When it is considered how long * the art of instructing these objects has been known, both upon the continent and in this country, it not only excites astonishment, that no effectual attempt has been made to extend assistance to the indigent; but it is a painful reflection, that many have lived in misery, and died in ignorance, who might have been materially benefited, had there been a Charity of this kind existing.

The case of these unfortunate Children is peculiarly afflictive!—They are not only left in ignorance of common occurrences, and excluded from the ordinary sources of information,

* In the year 1653, the celebrated Dr. WALLIS first laid down the principles by which the Deaf and Dumb might be instructed.---Vide Philosophical Transactions, for the year 1666.

tion, but they have no outward means by which they can attain a knowledge of the CHRISTIAN RELIGION, but by receiving this kind of instruction, which their poverty renders them utterly unable to procure, and which it is the design of this Institution to impart.

If it had been possible to have fixed a School House in any situation, to which the Children could have been collected every day, the Society might have educated a greater number, at an expence not exceeding what it will now cost to educate a few; but, owing to the remote quarters from whence applications have been received, the Society is obliged to submit to the necessity of the case, and has agreed to *board*, as well as *educate*.

It is no part of the design of this institution to attempt to remove the defects in the organs, either of Hearing or Speech, by Medical assistance.---This, it is presumed, has already been exerted without success: but it is their intention to mitigate their affliction, and, as much as possible, assist their defects, through the

medium of *this science*; and though it is impossible to restore them *fully* to the exercise of speech (and not to hearing in any degree) yet the deficiency has been so far supplied, that most of the ideas which they endeavour to express, may be understood by those to whom they are conveyed.

The Society does not give this flattering account of the Institution, and the advantages which may be communicated, from *conjecture*; but they have had the most pleasing and convincing demonstration of what may be done by instruction; and this has been to them an encouraging omen of the good which this design is likely to accomplish.

It is hoped, that those persons to whom this Plan is submitted, will consider the great importance of this institution;---the afflicted objects it proposes to relieve;---the families to which they belong;---and the good of society at large; and, by assisting so laudable an undertaking, cause the design to be speedily carried into effectual and extensive execution.

RULES OF THE SOCIETY.

I.

THAT it shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Life and annual Governors.

II.

That **ONE GUINEA** per Annum shall constitute a Governor.

III.

That a Donation, of not less than **TEN GUINEAS**, shall constitute a Governor for life; and any person appointed to pay a Legacy of **FIFTY POUNDS**, or upwards, shall be entitled to the same privilege.

IV.

That a Donation of **TWO HUNDRED POUNDS** shall not only entitle the Donor to all the privileges of a Life Governor, but likewise to have one child always on the foundation.

V. That

V.

That a COMMITTEE of Twenty-four Gentlemen be annually chosen the *second* Monday in *January*, *eighteen* from the old Committee, and *six* from the general body, who, with the Governors for Life, shall meet the *second* Monday in every month, to conduct the affairs of this institution.

VI.

That *Two* General Meetings shall be held in every year, on the *second* Monday in *January*, and in *July*, for the admission of children, &c.

VII.

That a General Meeting of all the Subscribers shall be held annually, the *second* Monday in *January*, when the proceedings of the Committee, and a state of the charity, shall be laid before them.

VIII.

That the Donations be placed in the public Funds, in the Names of *four* of the Committee.

IX. That

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That all payments made on account of this Charity shall be signed by at least *three* of the Committee, and the Secretary.

X.

That no person shall be Teacher to this institution, unless he produce substantial proof of his abilities to the satisfaction of the Committee.

XI.

That no Child shall be admitted but such as is DEAF and DUMB, which shall be attested by *two* credible witnesses; nor any one deficient in intellect be considered an object of this Charity.

XII.

That none be admitted under NINE years of age, nor suffered to remain after FOURTEEN; except in case of any very extraordinary application, then the Committee (if *nine* members be present and unanimous) shall have a discretionary power to deviate from this Rule.

XIII.

To render this institution as extensively useful as possible, in case any should apply for education whose parents or friends are not in indigent circumstances; the Committee shall have power of fixing such a sum as the parents or friends are capable of paying for their board; one quarter to be paid always in advance.

XIV.

That Ladies, Members of Parliament, and Subscribers living out of the bills of mortality, be allowed the privilege of voting by proxy, at all general meetings; but no proxies to be received from any persons but subscribers.

XV.

That at every election, each subscriber is to furnish himself with balloting tickets from the printed list, sent by the Deputy-Secretary, in the circular letter, which he is to fold up in paper before presented. Each governor, voting by proxy, must depute only one person to ballot for him, and that by his own signature.

XVI. That

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That a Secretary, Deputy-Secretary, and Collector, be chosen by the Committee; the Deputy-Secretary and Collector shall attend all the meetings of this society, and transact all such business thereof as the Committee or Secretary shall require: he shall collect all the subscriptions in LONDON, and its environs; pay them into the hands of the Treasurer, and never keep in his own possession more than *Fifty Pounds*; to find two sureties, to be approved of by the Committee, who shall be bound with him in a bond for *Two Hundred Pounds*.

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IT is presumed the following short Account of what has been done for the Objects of this Institution, will prove acceptable to the Public, through whose Generosity it has been effected.

All, who are touched with Compassion for the unfortunate Claimants on the Benevolence of this Society, must wish to see it stated, that no Application for Relief is made in vain; but the Case is yet far otherwise; for at the last Election in July, out of a List of 24 Candidates, all equally unfortunate, two only could then be received: Nevertheless, under the Blessing of Divine Providence, so much has been accomplished in so short a Time, that the public Attention seems already awakened to the affecting Condition of the naturally DEAF and DUMB; and the List of Subscribers is yearly augmenting, by the Addition of many respectable Names; so that a comfortable Ground of Hope is afforded, that this Institution will flourish, so as to be able to

extend its Succour to all who stand in Need of its peculiar Assistance.

One Thing, which must present itself to all who turn their Thoughts on this Subject, and which has been hinted at in some of the Plans before circulated, is the Establishment of some Manufactory, or Mechanical Occupations, under the Patronage of this Society; wherein, those who have finished their Education in the School, might immediately find employment:—Thus they would be rendered not merely Intelligent, but active and useful Members of the Community, enabled to provide for themselves, and perhaps to assist their aged and indigent Parents, on whom they were once a heavy burthen. What more grateful return could the Supporters of this benevolent Institution hope for? And how highly gratifying to every well-disposed Mind, to behold an useful Establishment carried on by those who have too long been considered as Automata, and left ignorant of their Creator, and the proper Application of their own Powers. To the Accomplishment of this desirable End, more extensive Patronage alone seems wanting, as will appear from what follows:—

Ann

Ann Westbrook, Daughter of *Henry Westbrook*, a Caulker, with five Children, was admitted into the *Asylum*, November 14th, 1792, then aged about thirteen Years; went out at *Midsummer*, 1796, capable of expressing her Ideas, and comprehending what is said to her; i. e. she can speak distinctly, write correctly, read intelligibly, and knows the Meaning of Words; she now provides for herself, as a Servant, and gives great Satisfaction.

At the same Time was admitted

John Tomkins Brassé, Son of *Charles Brassé*, a Hawker and Pedlar, with four Children, then aged eleven Years; he went out at *Christmas*, 1795, able to express himself, and to understand what is said to him; he acquired a Knowledge of Arithmetic, and is now learning the Trade of a Shoe-Maker.

James Parker was admitted *January* the 8th, 1793; but for want of Capacity, was discharged.

Edward Davies, Son of *Edward Davies*, a Painter, with six Children, was admitted at the same Time, then aged twelve Years; he went

out at *Christmas*, 1795: his Improvement was so considerable, that he was able to pronounce a Copy of Verses, audibly and articulately, at a General Meeting of the Subscribers, when he took Leave of them: He attained a ready Knowledge of Figures, and is now learning his Father's Business: He readily comprehends what is said to him, either by observing the Motion of the Lips, or by Writing; and has a Facility of expressing himself to those about him.

Joseph Sandwich, at the same Time, admitted for two Years education, and afterwards continued another Year; learned to speak, read, write, and cast Accounts:—Being twenty-one Years of Age when admitted, his Improvement was not so great, according to his Capacity, as it would have been, had he had the Advantage of early Tuition; yet there is Reason to believe he will ever bless the Name of his Benefactors, for enabling him to address his God in Prayer, and to read the sacred Scriptures, which he highly values, and regularly peruses. He has learned the Trade of a Stay-Maker, is a good Workman, and very industrious.

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The following are still in the *Asylum*, and according to their different Capacities, and the Length of Time they have been there, are in proportionate Degrees of forwardness, except *Thomas Ransom*, of whose Capacity to receive any Instruction, there is at present much doubt.

Thomas, Son of — *Burnet*, Father a Widower and Labourer, with nine Children.

William, Son of — *Hunter*, Mother a poor Widow, with two Children.

Charles, Son of *Charles* and *Susanna Webster*; Father deserted his Family, and left five Children unprovided for.

John, Son of *Charles* and *Ann Osbaldestan*; Father a Gentleman's Servant, and Widower, with five Children.

Richard, Son of *Eusebius*, and *Mary Sweet*; Father a Servant at a Brewhouse, with two Children.

Thomas, Son of *Thomas* and *Mary Copeland*, a poor Orphan.

Richard, Son of *Richard* and *Mary Hart*; Father a Labourer, with six Children.

William, Son of *William* and *Ann Harris*; Father a Labourer, with four Children, two of which are Deaf and Dumb.

James,

James, Son of — *Jones*; Father a Journeyman Weaver, with seven Children.

Thomas, Son of *James* and *Mary Pounceby*; Father a Dyer, with twelve Children, four of which are Deaf and Dumb.

Thomas, Son of *Philip* and *Mary Bailey*; Father a Clerk to a Brewhouse, with nine Children.

Nehemiah, Son of — *Hill*; Mother a Widow, with four Children.

John, Son of *James* and *Mary Lovell*, Mother a Widow, with two Children.

Thomas, Son of *Thomas* and — *Ransom*; Father very poor, with five Children.

James, Son of the Rev. Mr. *Grant*, who pays a Part towards his Maintenance.

GIRLS.

Sarah, Daughter of *James* and *Mary Pounceby*; Father a Dyer, with twelve Children, four of which are Deaf and Dumb, and whose Brother is admitted into the Asylum.

Ann, Daughter of — *Chapman*, a Victualler, who pays a Part towards her Maintenance.

Martha,

Martha, Daughter of — *Scott*, whose Parents have eight Children, four of which are Deaf and Dumb.

Mary, Sister to the above.

Ann, Daughter of *Abraham Tuck*, Father a Widower, with Five Children, two of which are Deaf and Dumb.

Sarah, Daughter of *William Mason*; Father a Widower and Labourer, with two Children.

Esther, Daughter of *George and Esther Coleman*, Parents poor working People, with eight Children, five of which are Deaf and Dumb.

Elizabeth, Daughter of — *Peggler*, whose Friends pay a Part towards her Maintenance.

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